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BRIEFE AND SHORT INSTRUCTION

ON OF THE ART OF

Mvsicke, to teach how to make Discant, of all proportions that are in vic:

VERY NECESSARY FOR ALL:

fuch as are desirous to attaine to knowledge in the Art;

And may by practice, if they can fing, some be able to compose three, source, and five parts: And also to compose all sorts of Canons that are usuall, by these directions of two or three parts in one, upon the Plain-song.

By ELWAT BEVIN.



LONDON.

Princed by R. Young, at the figne of the Starre on Bread-street hill. 1631.

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FATHER IN GOD, AND MY HOnourable good Lord, the Lord Bishop of GLOCESTER.

RIGHT REVEREND,

Fter much paines taken in the study and art of Musicke, for these many yeares last past, to compose Canons of two & three parts in one upon the Plain-song; have now at length laid downe this burden of

my minde, the hopefull issue of my tyred braine. To the visiting of which Infant, many of my good friends resorting, and those skilfull in my prosession, perswaded me to expose it to the world, and let try for it selfe; which I resuled to doe, untill I called to minde, that it might tend to the praise and glory of Almighty God, and to the benefit of my native country: Yet finding, that such exposed Infants might easily perish without the protection of some worthy and powerfull Patron, resolved to keepe it at home, untill I remembred your good Lordship to be a lover and favourer of Musick, and unto whom I have beene much bound for many favours, for all which, being not able to returne worthy compensation, but rather to trench more and more

Toroptile Dedicatory

daily upon your benignity, doe bequeath this my Infant unto your Lordships Patronage, whom I know for authority, wisedome, and learning to be able, and for piety and charity will bee willing, to protect the same; which if you wouch safe, you have and alwayes shall have devoted

To your Lordships

fervice,

ELWAT BEVIN!

TO THE READER

Eing no lesse true than ancient, that good things common are of more regard, I might not imbrest this talent (the perfection of my long endeavours) and not impure it to the publique benefit, lest I should prove my selfe no-Moralist, and so incurre their blackest censure, who first did backe me on this enterprise. I doubt not the per-

users favour (yet not glory in my little one) if bee vouchsafe it but a slewder tryall; for though it be but small in quantity, yet for diversities of examples and difficulties, the quality may seems the greater, and passe the elaborate workes of larger volumes. Thine,

Elven Bevin.

To M' Elway Bevin upon bis Canons of three parts in one.

An Epigram.

Wlicke breaths heaven, nay more, it doth disclose it, If old Indicious Bevin doe compose it. Astronomy stares high, and doth not scare To draw heavens curtaine, and unfold a Splieare: But Musicke climbes as high as Issobs Scale, Out-vies a Iscobs Staffe: it doth myaile Three for her one, or rather three in one: A mystery that Artne rethought upon. Three parts in one, are no Trichotomy Of one in three, but a fweet Trinity Combin'd in one. This may (with wonder) make An Atheist (if hee'le lay his cares to stake) Sing Trinity in Vnity, when he shall Heare that (which he thought harsh) prove musicall. Church Musicke finds applause, then why not Hee. That lets forth Canons of a Trinity:

Thomas Palmer

Briffoll

There are nine Concords of Musicke, as followeth:

A Puifon, Third, Fift, Sixt, Eight, Touth, Twelfth, Thirseenth, and Fifteenth: Whereof five are called perfect, and foure unperfect.

The five perfect, are, Wnifen, Fift, Eight, Twelfth and Fifteenth:
Of thekyou may not take two of one lost together, neither rising
not falling, as two Fifts or two Eights.

The other foure, called unperfect, you may take two or three together of one fort, rising or falling, which are, a Third, Sixt, Tenth, and Thirteenth.

These nine Concords are comprehended in soure, viz.

Unifon,

Eight,

Are counted as one, for every eight is the same.

Fifteenth,

Third, Likewise.

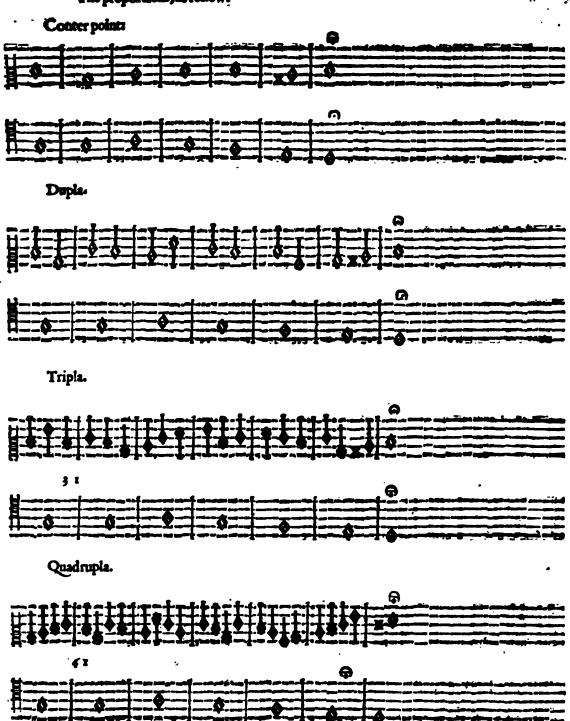
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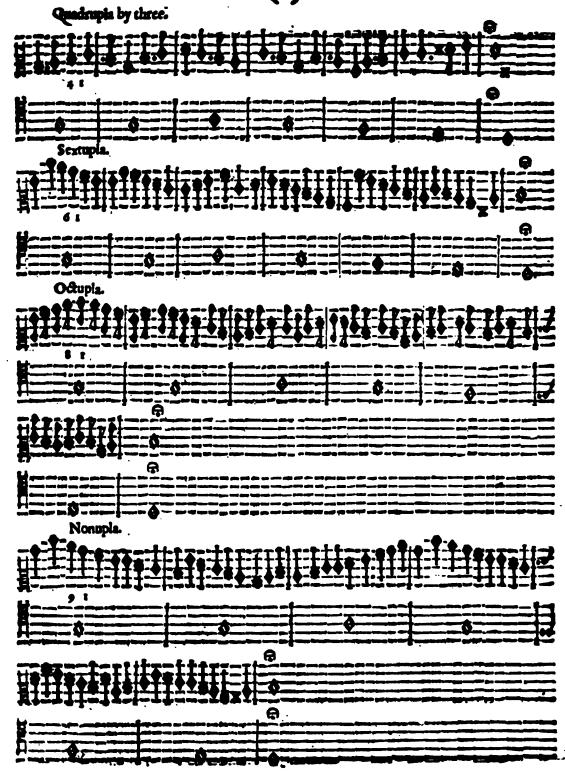
Sixe, Zin like fort.

So that in effect there are but foure Concords.

The Discords are, a Second, Fourth, and Seventh, with their Eights, which being sometime mixt with Concords, make bell mulicke, being orderly taken.

The proportions, as follow.

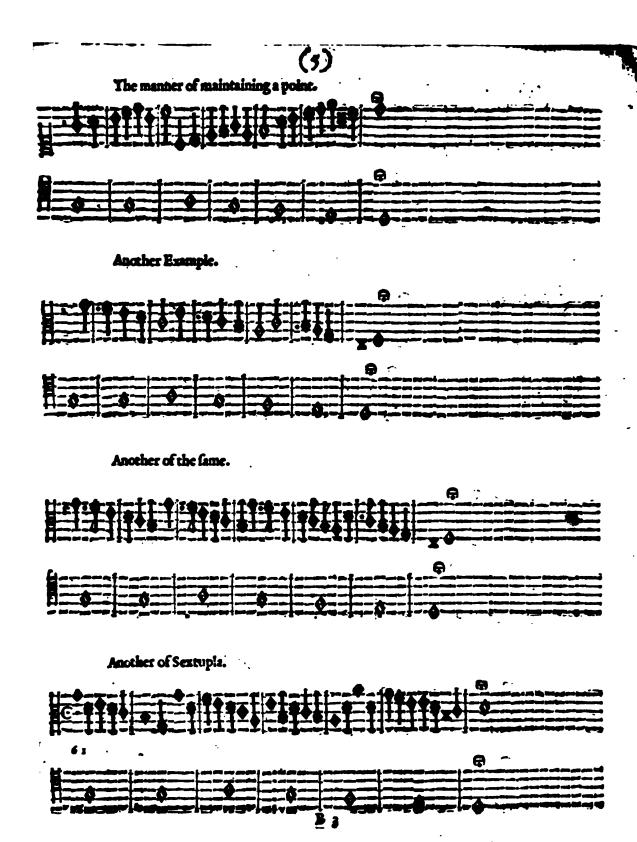






Devers other proporssous there are, as Quintupla, Septupla, and juch like, which are out of use.









The point retterted.

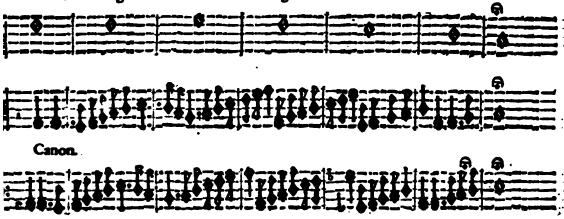


The ordinary wayer of two parter in one, are as followers.

2. in one Second. Third. Fourth. Fift. Sixt. Seventh.

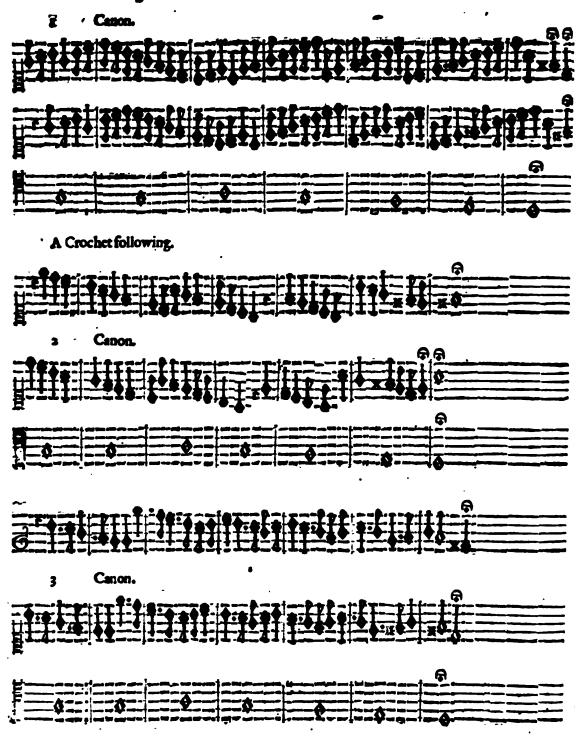
Of these forts you may make upon one Plain-song a thousand wayes, onely by altering the Refts, and feting the Plain-song sometime above, sometime below, and sometime in the middest, which consets great variai, as for example you may partly see, by these that follow.

Plain-long above. A Crochet following.



Plainforg in the middest.

Plainlong belowed







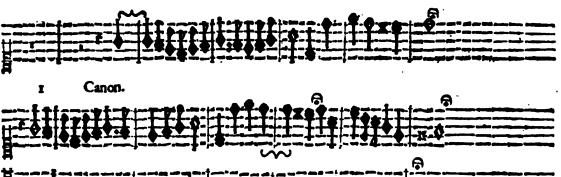










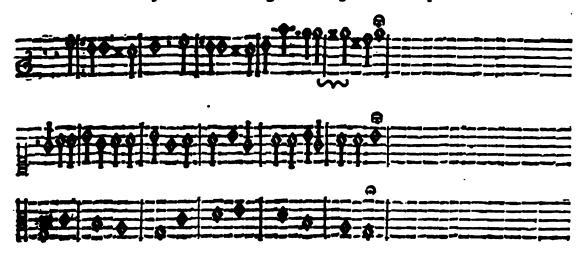


Two Semibriefes following. 4-Voces.



Thus may you increase your Rests, if the Plain-long be of any length, to eight or tenne Semibrieses, or more, before the following part cometh in. And in this order might a great number of wayes be made: But I will not counsaile any to the pursuit thereof; for I hold it better to know the way and meanes how it may be done, than to take so laborious a worke in hand.

Two parts to the Plainfong maintaining their feverall points.



Another example of the same.

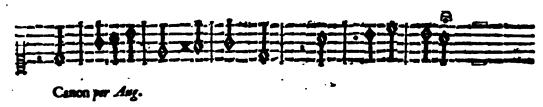


There are diverse other wayes of two parts in one, which are not so common, but yet more difficult in composing, as two in one per Augmentation, that is, when one part doubleth every Note, making the Crochet a Mynome, the Mynome a Semibriefe, &c.

Example.



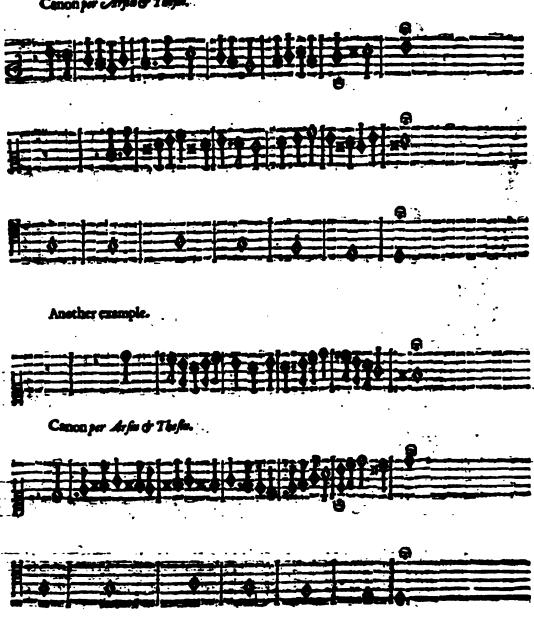
Another example.





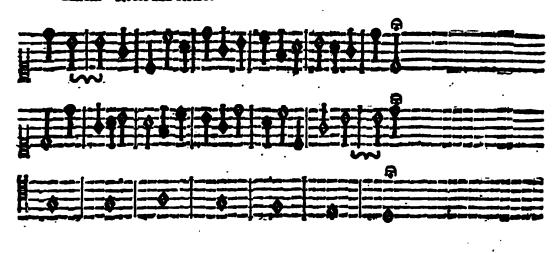
Also you have two parts in one per Arfin & Thefin, by contrary motions, that when one part alcendeth the other descendeth, which is both difficult, and carrieths more maiesty than any other Canon: And are discriby made in any distance.

Cenon per Arfact Thefin.



Moreouer you have two in one Recte & Retro, when one part fingeth forward and the other backward, which is somewhat difficult to be made vpon a Plainsong, but without, the easiest of all other. Many other wayes there are, and are daily innented by the skilfull, as you shall perceine by these examples that follow.

Canon. Reche and Retro:



Another below.



There is also a kinde of double discant which is no Canon, but some what of the nature of a Canon, and sometime also made in a Canon.

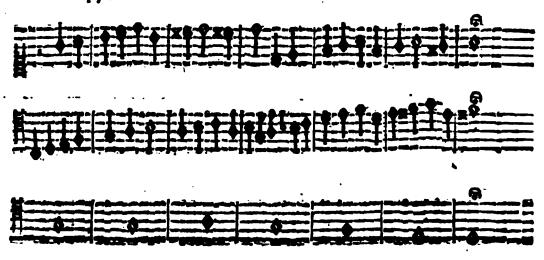
Double discare.

The Principall.



In the Reply the Treble is fet eight notes lower and made the Counter, and the Bafe is fet twelve notes higher and made the Treble, the Plainfong fet an eight lower and made the Bafe.

The reply.



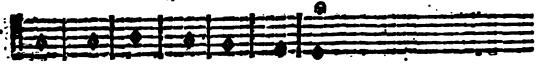


Here are certaine Canons of chese in one, very difficult, made of the Plainfong it felse; enery part contrary to other in nature. These are compound Canons, even as the Apothecary maketh his confections of divers simples, compounded together of sindry wayes.

Refresh Retro. & per Arford Thefin.



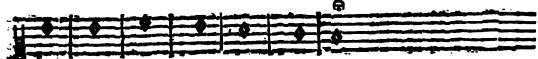
· Canen. Three in one, per Arfu & Thefin.



Another example, per Arfu & Thefu.



Canon. Three in one.



Par Arford Thofas, Recte and Retro.



I have let them downe very briefound thore, and have made choile of this Plainfong of purpole, to the intent, the Learner or Practitioner may the better conceine of enery particular, being also let downe in partition.





Another of foure in two.

Canon fubdispence.



Per Augmentation, Alied crefcit in Daple.

Canon. Three in one.



These Canons that follow are also very difficult to be made on any Plainsong.

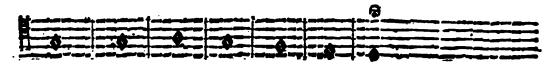
Three in one of fundry proportions.

Canon three in one.

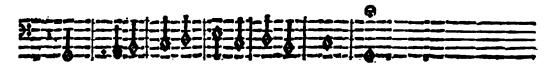




Crefcit in Duple.



Par Ang & par Arfa & Thefia.



Another of like difficulty.

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Canon per Arfu & Thefa. Alind per Ang.



Crofin hi dol, leating the rest as the beginning.

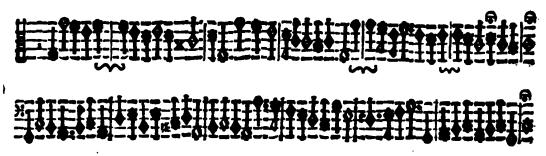




A note about



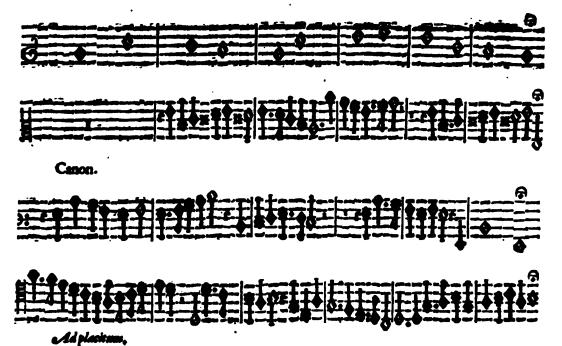
Canon. Nota superior.



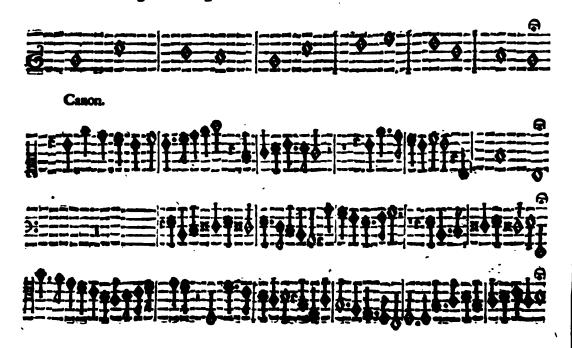
Mynome and Crochet binding one vpon another.

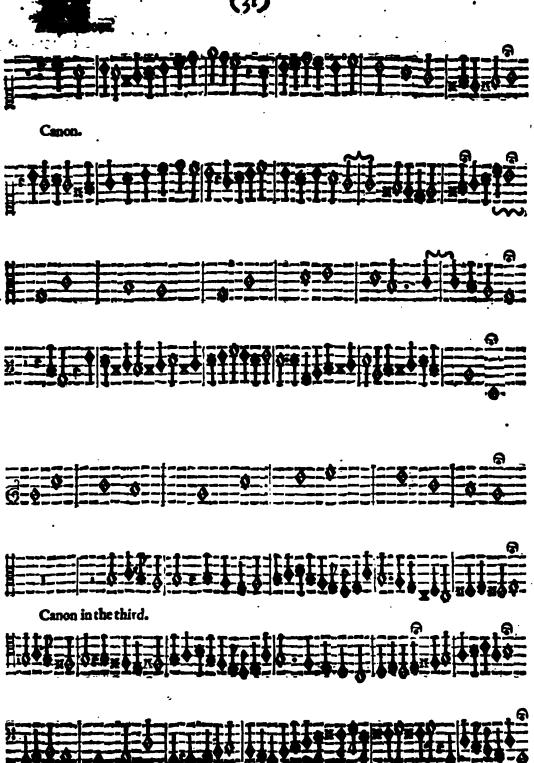


Double distant made in a Cabou.



In the Reply the Meane is made the Base, ser eight notes lower, the Base is made the Meane, set eight notes higher.





This Canon singeth onely the Crochets Semibrieles, the other one ly the Crochets making them Briefes.

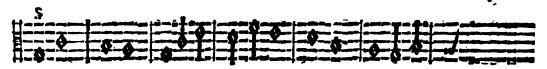


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This Canon the be intigafter the manner of a Round, falling a note at every returne, and falling note by note to the end.



This Canon rifeth a note at enery returne, and rifeth note by note to the end.

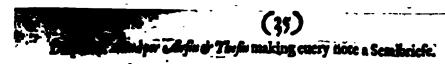


Canon three in one, Dispense inferter, making every note a Semibriefe.





prehended in one. The leading part bath reference to the Father, the following part to the Sonne, the third to the holy Ghoft.



Canon three in one.



A note aboue Another.

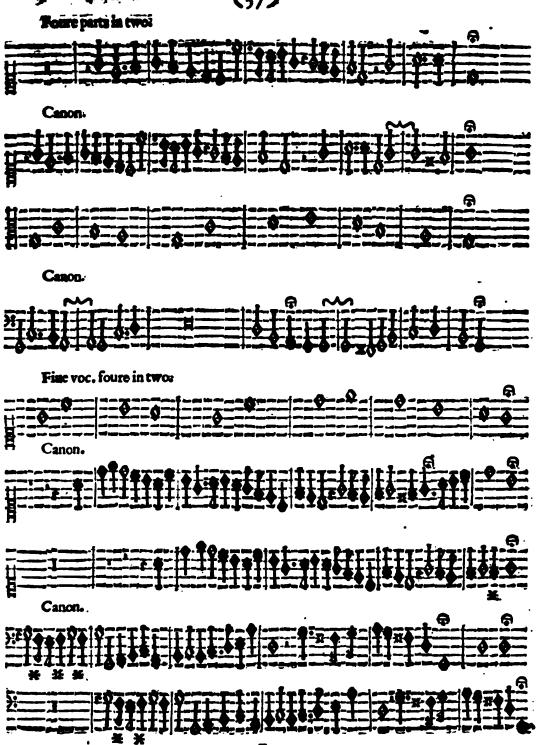


Canon three in one.



O lesu dulcis remissio omnium peccatorum meorum

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Foure in two, either part repeting that the other lung before.

Canon per Arfinet Thefin.



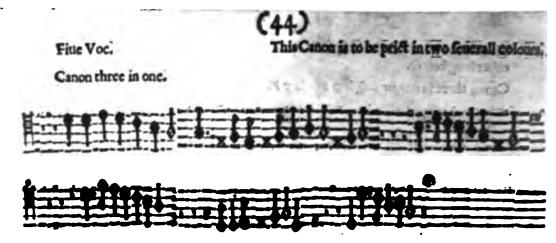
Foure in two.



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This Canon is very difficulting make upon any plainlong, either part repeating that the other fung before.





The red is one part, the blacke another, the third part fingeth both colours, leaning all the Refle, as appeareth below.

The Canon explained.



Here follow certaine Canons, which are most difficult in composition, by reason of the great variety of Canons contained in them.

This Canon lath a relemblance to the frame of this world, for as this world doth confift of the foure Elements, viz. Fire, Ayre, Water, and the Earth, and in either of them fundry living and mourable creatures: So likewill this Canon filettie and is desided into foure fenerall Canons, and to enery one belongsth fifteene parts, a certaine number for an vacertaine.

The whole fixty parts are contained in these seuen. These signres are set to distinguish the parts.



Here is to be noted, that the following parts of every Canon reft two Semibries after on ther, every Canon different in nature.



You shall understand that in the Canon, which is the red, is divided into foure severall Canons, and to every of them belongeth sisteene parts, in the whole three score: Two of these Canons are whole, and two are halte Canons, because they take onely the later part, which is the Semibricie and Semibricie Rest, and are to be sung in divers tunes according to the direction.

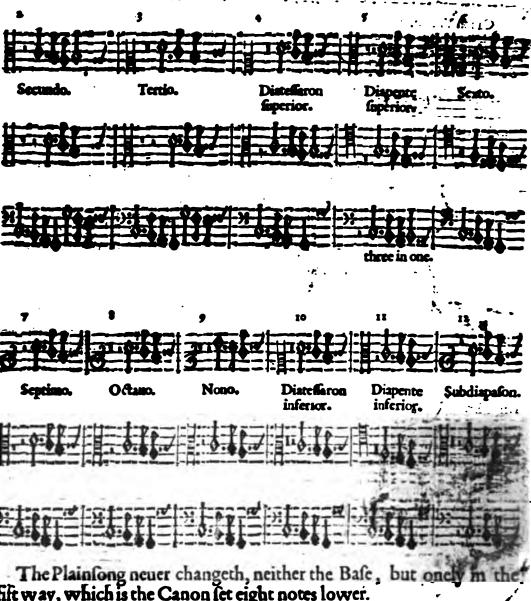
Bis bines capit Canon verology Canones
Integri duo funt, dimidrique duo
Horum qui fone Canon vero terquinque requirit
As primo debent catera suncta Cani
Sed innéto duplici Ballo papitur infra,
Vocibas i fo nanco fingula vits Ganas,



This Canon is to be fung in all diffunces, as appeareth in the page following. Foure Voc.

Foure voc.
Canon Vnifon.

He that will looke into the depth of this Casion, must take the paines to pricke out every one of these at large for I have for downs only the beginning of enery part, to lauelabour : And to likewise in the next that followeth.



fift way, which is the Canon let eight notes lower.

The other two parts may easily be prict according to the directions set downe already.

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Three parts to the Plain-long, compoled in such fort, as every part is made the Base or ground to the other, which cause the variety of musicke, by reason of the changing of the parts and is so be sung source setterall wayes, as appeareth,

. Foire Voca

Bither of their Replicance to be prist out at h



- The Treble in the first Reply, is the Tener of the principall prict an eight higher. The Treble in the second Reply, is the Meane of the principall prict a fift higher.
- The Treble in the third Reply, is the Bale of the principall, let twelve notes higher.



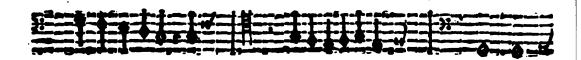
- The Meane in the first Reply, is the Treble of the principall.

 The Meane in the fecond Reply, is the Base of the principall, set twelve notes higher.
- 3 The Means in the third Reply, is the Tenor of the principall, fet eight notes higher.



- The Tenor in the first Reply, is the Base of the principall, set eight notes higher.

 The Tenor in the second Reply, is the Treble of the principall, set eight notes lower.
- 3 The Tenor in the third Reply, is the Meane of the principall, let fettre notes lower.



- The Base in the first Reply, is the Meane of the principall, set eight notes lowers
- The Base in the second Reply, is the Tenor of the principall.
- The Base in the third Reply, is the Treble, set fifteene notes lower,

Exi perts

Fours parts to the plain-long, every part fine in one, refting five Semibriefes after other.



Who so will take a view of all the parts of this song, must take the paine to pricke our energy part by it selfe. The first resteth sine Semibrieses, the second tenne, the third sisteene, the fourth and last twenty: and so likewise energy Canon.

The Closes that are let here, some to shew where every part endeth: The part that restells fine Semibriefes, endeth on the last Close same one, that part that resteth tenne Semibriefes, endeth on the last Close same two. So the rest accordingly.



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